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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

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NORTH ATLANTIC Prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Demand ranged light to good, best into holiday features in progress or planned for next week. Supplies were adequate for trading needs. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate from regular suppliers for the light and unaggressive demand. Light type hens were usually adequate for holiday schedules and demand was only moderate.

NEW YORK Prices ended the week unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Demand was light to good, best where features were in progress or planned for the upcoming holiday. Supplies were adequate for current needs.

MIDWEST Prices were unchanged in all areas. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand was moderate to mostly good for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. Feature activity provided some extra interest. Food service movement was generally moderate. Supplies were mostly adequate to at times close for the larger sizes. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged with mostly values increasing 2 to 3 cents. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Schedules were reduced for next week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Floor stocks were at least adequate to instances ample. Trade sentiment was about steady to steady.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone steady. Retail and food service demand ranged from light to good, mostly moderate and best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies adequate to closely balanced, with most trying to build inventories for the upcoming holiday.

SOUTHERN Prices remained unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail demand was light to moderate entering the weekend. Supplies were adequate. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending unchanged from current week's prices. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate for the light to unaggressive demand. Light type hens were generally adequate for holiday schedules.

WEST COAST Prices unchanged. The market tone was mainly steady with asking prices for next week in California unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large, 2 cents lower on medium and small; in the Northwest unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings well cleared for delivery before the holiday, ample after.

PRICES TO RETAILERS - SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NORTHEAST CITIES	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	107-109	105-107	70-72
New York	83-85	80-83	71-74
Philadelphia	81-83	79-81	70-71

SOUTHERN CITIES

Atlanta (1) (2)	76-77	74.5-76	63-64
Jackson (1)	84-85	83-84	72-73
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	84-99	83-97	71-85

MIDWEST CITIES

Chicago	73-78	72-77	61-66
Detroit (2)	70-73	69-72	59-62
Major Ohio Cities (2)	71-77	70-75	60-66
Major Wisconsin Cities	74-81	72-79	63-70

WESTERN CITIES

Houston (1)	92-95	88-91	78-81
Southern California(Grade AA)(4)	96-108	94-101	86-92
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	112	104	96

(1) - Prices Reported Weekly (3) - Reported Invoice Prices
(2) - Delivered Warehouse (4) - Prices To Retailers

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. Asking prices for next week were unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large, 2 cents lower on medium and small. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings well cleared through next Wednesday, ample thereafter. Small invoice price 76. Ads in Southern California: smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 88-119, extra large dozen 109, large dozen 89-99.

CALIFORNIA

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	124
EXTRA LARGE	112
LARGE	104
MEDIUM	96

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	111-121
EXTRA LARGE	96-108
LARGE	94-101
MEDIUM	86-92

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	229-289
EXTRA LARGE	219-259
LARGE	199-209
MEDIUM	187-189

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices ranged unchanged with mostly values increasing 2 to 3 cents. Demand was light to moderate with offerings adequate to fully adequate. Schedules were reduced for next week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Floor stocks at least adequate to occasionally ample. Trade sentiment about steady to steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	31-36	33-35

CHECKS & UNDERGRADES 19-22

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. The market tone was cautious and reported as generally barely steady to weak. Floor stocks were fully adequate from regular suppliers with buyers not wanting any additional supplies. Demand was light and unaggressive. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending November 11, 2000 were 2% more than the previous week, and unchanged from a year earlier.

PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
NEST RUN	34-39

CHECKS & UNDERGRADES 19-24

EASTERN REGION AREA:

AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WW

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 11-Nov -00
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,176,791	27,815	10,937	6,072	2,430	4,108
PW	1,171,519*	27,733	11,186	5,904	2,120	3,957
LY	1,198,269	27,555	11,841	6,662	2,349	3,968
% PW	0	0	-2	3	15	4
% LY	-2	1	-8	-9	3	4
2000	52,712,377	1,195,877	528,734	283,952	125,497	175,848
1999	50,383,187	1,161,276	481,590	263,690	115,878	159,990

*Correction to previous week cases broken and average yield per case.

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -		
CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
41.58	41.64	41.75

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 57 to 63 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak for whole egg and whites and generally steady to unsettled for yolk. Resistance to separate was holding some yolk values. Offerings were fully adequate for whole egg and adequate on the balance of products. Demand was mostly moderate and many buyers were asking discounts for whole egg and whites. A number of breaking schedules were reduced for the upcoming holiday week. Increased interest was expected for the end of the month for fill-in needs. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to instances ample.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 17 November, 2000 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	21	31-35	32.48	-7.29
WHITES	13	20-26.5	22.15	-2.43
YOLKS	3	55-60.5	57.83	-3.09

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were unchanged on sugar yolks, 1 cent higher on salt yolks, but lower on whites and whole when compared to a week earlier. The market tone was at least steady on yolks, mixed on whites and unsettled on whole. New trading was limited and with buyers continuing to watching further market developments. Supplies were usually adequate for current needs. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending November 11, 2000 were 1% more than last week, but 4% less than a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	(MIN. 25 CONT.) MOSTLY	LTL RANGE
WHOLE	47.5-51	49-50	54-56
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		68-90
WHITES	34-38	35-37	42-54
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	67-72	68-71	69-74
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	64-70	66-69	67-70
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.			

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Prices for frozen whole egg and whites were lower, with sugar yolk unchanged to 1 cent lower and salt yolk irregular when compared to last week's reported prices. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak for whole egg and whites, and about steady for yolk. Demand was mostly moderate to instances good and was generally for immediate needs. Offerings were tight to usually adequate. A few buyers had shown additional interest for fill-in loads following the Thanksgiving Day holiday. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate to instances ample for current needs. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS) TRUCKLOTS

	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	47-51	50-51
WHITES	34-37	35-37
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	68-72	69-72
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	65-70	67-69

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices were 3 cents lower on whole, 1 cent lower on whites, and unchanged on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 11/11 was 16% less than the previous week. Both breaking stock and liquid increased in availability and were adequate overall. Frozen demand slowed. Freezer stocks adequate.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	56-59
WHITES	41-44
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	76-79
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	73-76

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Prices were unchanged on whole, but unchanged to lower on the balance when compared to a week earlier. The market tone was steady on yolks, about steady on whole and whites. Demand and trading was only fair, although movement was generally good due to prior commitments. Supplies were usually sufficient for most trade needs. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending November 11, 2000 were 15% more than last week, and 3% more than the same week a year ago. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

WHOLE	1.75-1.90	MOSTLY 1.75-1.85
YOLKS	1.51-1.70	MOSTLY 1.55-1.65
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.70-3.05	MOSTLY 2.78-2.90
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.25-1.40	

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ)								NATIONAL TRADING FOR NOV 10, 00-NOV 16,00							
CURRENT LOADS				FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS							
112.50				45.50				158.00							
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	57.50	60.29	57.10	58.67	59.00	—	37.00	GNR W 1	—	61.14	—	—	—	—	16.00
GNR W 2	—	61.00	—	—	—	50.00	2.75	GNR W 3	—	47.33	—	—	—	—	4.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	43.25	41.00	4.25	GL W J	61.00	—	—	—	—	71.20	1.25
GNR BR 1	—	—	53.50	55.00	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	57.00	68.50	—	—	—	69.10	7.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	57.00	—	1.00	GL W LG	55.00	70.12	—	—	—	68.72	17.00
GL W XL	—	—	64.00	66.25	59.71	64.00	14.25	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00
GL W LG	—	67.00	58.90	62.12	60.32	62.43	29.75	GL W SM	28.00	—	—	35.00	—	34.00	2.00
GL W MD	—	—	54.00	55.50	53.75	—	10.25	NRBS - 39	20.00	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W SM	28.00	31.67	28.00	31.33	28.00	—	7.00								
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	36.50	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	29.60	32.95	26.00								
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	29.63	33.00	4.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	24.83	10.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Offerings were generally adequate for holiday schedules. Demand was only moderate but unaggressive. Finished product sales were clearing. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of light hens. Schedules were at or near capacity. Trade sentiment was about steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for the mostly moderate demand. Slaughter schedules full-time. Trade sentiment generally steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked desired schedules. Offerings adequate.

LIVE TYPE HENS

CENTS PER LB., DAY OF NEGOTIATION, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0-0 (1)	
Eastern Light	0-0 (2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR (2)	
No. Central Light	TFEWR (1)	
No. Central Light	0-5 (2)	
(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading		
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT		

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 17-NOV-00
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A
LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	83.51	81.13	72.01
SOUTHERN	82.90	81.19	68.03
MIDWEST	74.38	73.14	63.31
WESTERN	104.46	98.80	90.28
TWELVE METRO AREAS	88.93	85.66	76.32
COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS			

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Prices were unchanged to lower on light canners, however majority trading on heavy canners were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to good, mostly good on heavies. Supplies were occasionally short to about adequate. Undertone was steady on lights and fully steady on heavy canners.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITH OUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

21-26 MAJORITY 28.75-34 MAJORITY 29-31

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

25-27.5 MAJORITY 29-33 MAJORITY 29.5-32

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 11-Nov-00

(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
(THOUSANDS)	HENS	HENS	HENS
HEAD	2,016	1,530	3,546
LAST WEEK	1,943	1,306	3,249
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,848	1,550	3,398
TO-DATE/2000	85,583	65,531	151,114
TO-DATE/1999	93,185	63,949	157,134

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
(THOUSANDS)	HENS	HENS	HENS
HEAD	273	12	285
LAST WEEK	394	35	429
SAME WEEK YR AGO	284	0	284
TO-DATE/2000	20,427	365	20,792
TO-DATE/1999	20,681	267	20,948

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
(THOUSANDS)	HENS	HENS	HENS
HEAD	2,289	1,542	3,831
LAST WEEK	2,337	1,341	3,678
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,132	1,550	3,682
TO-DATE/2000	106,010	65,896	171,906
TO-DATE/1999	113,866	64,216	178,082

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending Nov 04, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	2000	1999 /1	2000	1999
Liquid	296	144	6553	11,601
Frozen	0	0	198	6
Dried	0	65	503	569
Total	296	209	7254	12,176

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

	Week Ending Nov 04, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	2000	1999 /1	2000	1999
Liquid	71	72	4,454	3,930
Frozen	41	53	785	523
Dried	5	0	757	169
Total	117	125	5,996	4,622

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending Nov 04, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	2000	1999 /1	2000	1999
Jumbo	0	54	2,161	1,204
Extra Large	990	114	44,638	32,271
Large	2,108	3,979	125,575	131,764
Medium	761	1,320	30,757	43,957
Ungraded	15,750	16,800	358,084	560,543
Misc	0	0	10,137	10,722
Total	19,609	22,267	571,352	780,461

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

DETROIT PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE. CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
78-81	69-75	67-72	57-62	29-33

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, LOOSE, AT FARM (CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS). CENTS PER DOZEN

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
52-54	41-43	11-13

NEW ENGLAND PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
114-117	88-91	86-89	51-54	17-20

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -

SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 13-Nov-00	4,344	120,092	73,941
AM 1-Nov-00	5,117	128,816	72,410
CHG	-773	-8,724	1,531
PCT CHG	-15	-7	2

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 11-NOV-00

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PERCENT PW	CHG LY
ATLANTA	23.80	22.3	7	-18
BOSTON	3.60	3.9	-8	-5
CHICAGO	49.50	43.3	14	-18
DETROIT	29.50	31.9	-8	5
KANSAS CITY	3.90	4.0	-3	-3
LOS ANGELES	130.20	122.8	6	42
NEW ORLEANS	10.00	8.6	16	12
NEW YORK	33.50	31.6	6	-22
ST. LOUIS	18.00	19.9	-10	21
SAN FRANCISCO	19.10	18.9	1	-15
TOTAL	321.10	307.2	5	5
4 WK MVG AVG	303.30			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 11-NOV-00
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	220.6	2	-5
E.N. CENTRAL	502.8	3	2
W.N. CENTRAL	263.3	7	7
S. ATLANTIC	202.4	0	-4
S. CENTRAL	82.0	2	1
WEST	206.7	0	-15
TOTAL	1,477.8	3	-2
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		90	87

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT, NOVEMBER 14, 2000
PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS
DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	121 -	119 -	84 -	50 -
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	114-118 116-117	112-116 114-115	77-81 79-80	43-47 45-46
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	117-121 117	115-119 115	80-84 80	46-50 46
VERMONT MOSTLY	124-125 124	120-121 121	85-87 87	- -

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